GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Registration & Stamps Department – Ante date stamps scandal - allegations against Sri Y.Venkatesam, former Sub Registrar (Retired) and certain Registration officials of Zone-II and Zone-III – Preliminary Enquiry conducted – Report submitted – Show cause notice Issued – Representation submitted – Recovery of loss of Rs.4,39,670/- imposed – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1160 Dated:19-11-2015

Read the following:

1. DIG, R&S (MV), O/o the C&IG, R&S, AP., Hyd., (Preliminary Enuqiry Officer) Lr.No.29788/Enqy/95, dt:21-4-1997.
2. Govt., Memo.No.1454/Vig.VI(1)/2010-8, dt:31-5-2010.
3. Govt., Memo.No.1454/Vig.VI(1)/2010-35, dt:5-12-2013.
4. Representation of Sri Y.Venkatesam, former SR (Retd) dt:3-2-2014.
5. Govt., Lr.No.1454/Vig.II(1)/2010-60, dt:31-7-2015.
6. APPSC Lr.No.779/DC&C/2/2015, dt:7-10-2015.

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ORDER:

Where as in the reference 1st read above, it has been brought to the notice of Government that certain officials of Registration & Stamps Department in Zone-II & Zone-III were involved in ante dated stamps scandal in connection with the registration of documents executed on the stamps sold with ante dates without proper verification and thereby caused loss of Revenue to the State exchequer.

2. And whereas, on the directions of Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, the Preliminary Enquiry officer i.e., the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps (Market Value), Office of the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad had submitted the report stating that certain registration officials have registered documents executed on the stamps sold with ante dates without proper verification and thereby caused loss of Revenue to the State exchequer in the reference 1st read above.

3. Whereas, based on the findings of Preliminary Enquiry Officer, it is observed that charges had not been framed against Sri Y.Venkatesam, former Sub Registrar (Retired) and certain officials of Registration & Stamps Department in Zone-II & III Regions due to time limitation prescribed under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980. The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has forwarded the Preliminary enquiry report of Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, (Market Value), Office of the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad to Government for taking further action in the matter under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

4. Government have examined the matter based on the preliminary enquiry officers report and observed that Sri Y.Venkatesam, former Sub Registrar (Retired) among certain other registration officials have registered documents executed on the stamps sold with ante dates without proper verification and thereby caused loss of Revenue to the State exchequer, therefore, it has been provisionally decided to recover loss of Rs.4,39,670/-

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from the Accused Officer Sri Y.Venkatesam, former Sub Registrar (Retired) among others. Accordingly issued a Show Cause Notice with a direction to show cause as to why the proposed loss should not be recovered from the Accused Officer Sri Y.Venkatesam, former Sub Registrar (Retired) among others in the reference 3rd read above.

5. In the reference 4th read above, the Accused Officer Sri Y.Venkatesam, former Sub Registrar (Retired) has submitted representation stating mainly among others that he had discharged the functions within the frame work of rules and stated that the recovery now proposed for Rs.4,39,670/- at this distance of 14 years is unjust and unreasonable without any documentary evidence as envisaged in Rule 3 (ii) (b) of Andhra Pradesh (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 and G.O.Ms.No.85, (F&P) (Fin.Wing Pen-Ï) Department. He has further stated that the departmental proceedings cannot be instituted against a Retired officer in respect of any event which took place more than four years before under Rule 9 (2) (b) of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and requested the Government to drop the proposed recovery and to prevent him to seek the justice in the court of law.

6. Government have examined the matter in light of the representation of the Accused Officer and material made available with Government, confirmed the recovery of loss of Rs.4,39,670/- from the Accused Officer Sri Y.Venkatesam, former Sub Registrar (Retired). The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission have also agreed with the proposal of the department in the reference 6th read above. (copy enclosed).

7. Therefore, Government, hereby order for Recovery of loss of Rs.4,39,670/- against the Accused Officer Sri Y.Venkatesam, former Sub Registrar (Retired) for registering documents executed on the stamps sold with ante dates without verification and thereby caused loss of Revenue to the State exchequer.

8. The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJEYA KALLAM
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad
The Individual (w.e) (through the Director & Inspector General,
Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh., Hyderabad with a
request to serve the order and furnish the served copy with dated
acknowledgement to Government for record).

Copy to:

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.
The Principal Secretary,
Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps,
Vijayawada / Guntur.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eluru
The Central Bureau, Crime Investigation Department,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER